CLAIMS

I Claim:

1. A method for facilitating worldwide commercial electronic commerce based on national deployment, comprising the steps of:

receiving a request from a requester through a network for total landed cost of a purchase based on initial cost of a seller item for an inter-country transaction,

determining, from a database, trade costs associated with the purchase, and

adding the trade costs to the initial cost resulting in the total landed cost.

1   2.   The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

2   receiving, through the network, an identity of a country the

3   item is to be shipped from and an identity of a country the item is

4   to be shipped to, and

5   receiving, from the requester through the network, currency

6   type the requester prefers and currency type the seller prefers.

           3.   The method of claim 2, wherein said step of determining

     trade costs further comprises:

           performing an exchange rate calculation using the initial cost

     of the item and the currency type the requester prefers and the

     currency type the seller prefers,

           determining tariff for the item, from a database, based on the

7   country the item is to be shipped from and the country the item is
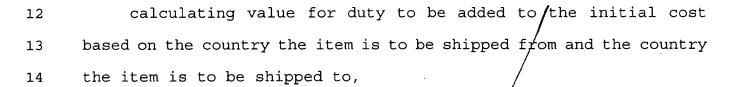
8   to be shipped to,

9   determining delivery costs associated with the item, from a

10   database, based on the country the item is to be shipped from and

11   the country the item is to be shipped to,

12   calculating value for duty to be added to the initial cost

13   based on the country the item is to be shipped from and the country

14   the item is to be shipped to,

15   calculating value added taxes based on the country the item is

16   to be shipped from and the country the item is to be shipped to,

17   and

          arriving at the total landed cost by adding to the total

     initial cost the value for the duty, the value added taxes, the

     tariff, and the delivery costs.

          4.   The method of claim 3, further comprising the step of
     displaying, over the network, to the requester, the total landed
     cost.

1   5.   The method of claim 3, wherein said step of determining

2   tariff for the item further comprises the steps of:

3   sending a request through the network containing an item

4   description to the country the item is to be shipped to, and

5   receiving, by the requester, through the network, the tariff

6   information.

6.   The method of claim 3, wherein said step of determining

tariff for the item further comprises the step of:

searching, in the database, a harmonized tariff schedule of

the country the item is to be shipped to for the tariff associated

to the item.

1   7.   The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

2   transmitting, through the network, the total landed cost to

3   the requester.

1   8.   The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

2   displaying, thorough the network, the total landed cost.

1   9.   The method of claim 1, wherein the requester is a
         potential buyer.

1   10.   The method of claim 1, wherein the requester is the owner
         of the item.

1   11.   The method of claim 1, wherein the item is a service.

1   12.   The method of claim 1, wherein the item is a product.

1   13.   The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

2   receiving, over the network, a request for comparison of total

3   landed cost of an item in multiple countries,

4   calculating total landed cost for the item in each country

5   requested, and

6   displaying, through the network, total landed cost of the item

in each country requested.

       14.   The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

receiving a purchase order over the network, from the

requester for the seller item,

notifying the seller, through the network, the requester has

5   agreed to purchase the seller item, and

6   consumating a monetary exchange through the network.

1   15.   A   method   for   creating   and   searching   a   national

2   procurement electronic catalog, comprising the steps of:

3   receiving   item   information   through   a   network   into   an

4   electronic catalog,

5   placing the item into categories based on national standard

6   classification codes, and

     associating a country where the item resides to the item in

the electronic catalog.

16.   The method of claim 15, further comprising the steps of:

     receiving a search request through the network containing a

standard classification code, and

4   returning, through the network, items within the standard

5   classification code.

1   17. The method of claim 16, further comprising the steps of:

2   receiving, through the network, a country to be searched, and

3   returning, through the network, a subset of items within the

4   standard classification code within the country to be searched.

18. The method of claim 16, further comprising the step of:

displaying, through the network, the items returned.

19. The method of claim 17, further comprising the step of:

displaying, through the network, the subset of items returned.

1   20.   The method of claim 15, further comprising the steps of:

2   determining trade costs associated with the item,

3   adding the trade costs to cost of the item resulting in the

4   total landed cost of the item, and

5   returning, through the network, the total landed cost of the

6   item.

21.   The method of claim 20, further comprising the steps of:

receiving, through the network, identity of the country the
item is to be shipped from and identity of the country the item is
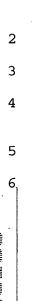to be shipped to, and

5   receiving, through the network, type of currency the requester

6   prefers and type of currency of the seller prefers.

1   22. The method of claim 21, further comprising the steps of:

2   performing an exchange rate calculation using the initial cost

3   of the item and the type of currency the requester prefers and the

4   type of currency the seller prefers,

5   determining tariff for the item based on the country the item

6   is to be shipped from and the country the item is to be shipped to,

determining delivery costs associated with the item based on

the country the item is to be shipped from and the country the item

is to be shipped to,

calculating value for the duty to be added to the initial cost

based on the country the item is to be shipped from and the country

the item is to be shipped to,

calculating value added taxes based on the country the item is

to be shipped from and the country the item is to be shipped to,

15   and

16   arriving at the total landed cost by adding to the total

17   initial cost the value for the duty, the value added taxes, the

18   tariff, and the delivery costs.

23. The method of claim 22, further comprising the step of:

displaying, through the network, the total landed cost.

24. The method of claim 15, wherein the item is a service.

25. The method of claim 15, wherein the item is a product.

26. The method of claim 15, wherein the electronic catalog is a database.

1   27. A system for facilitating worldwide commercial business

2   to business and government electronic commerce based on national

3   deployment, said system comprising:

4   a network coupling a plurality of country specific systems;

5   and

6   a plurality of country specific systems, each of the plurality

7   of country specific systems including:

          an application server computer;

          a data server computer having a database containing

     subscriber information and a database containing country trade

     variables, said data server computer being connected to said

     application server computer; and

          an electronic commerce program, residing within said

     application server, for facilitating country to country trade.

1   28. The system of claim 27, wherein said electronic commerce

2   program further comprises:

3   means for determining trade costs associated with an item.

1 29. The system of claim 28, wherein said electronic commerce
2 program further comprises:

3   means for receiving identity of a country the item is to be
4 shipped from and identity of a country the item is to be shipped
5 to; and

6   means for receiving type of currency the requester prefers and
type of currency of the seller prefers.

30. The system of claim 29, wherein said electronic commerce
program further comprises:

means for performing an exchange rate calculation using the
initial cost of the item and the type of currency the requester
5 prefers and the type of currency the seller prefers;

6   means for determining tariff for the item based on the country
7 the item is to be shipped from and the country the item is to be
8 shipped to;

9   means for determining delivery costs associated with the item
10 based on the country the item is to be shipped from and the country
11 the item is to be shipped to;

12   means for calculating value for the duty to be added to the

13   initial cost based on the country the item is to be shipped from

14   and the country the item is to be shipped to;

15   means for calculating value added taxes based on the country

16   the item is to be shipped from and the country the item is to be

17   shipped to; and

18   means for arriving at a total landed cost by adding to the

total initial cost the value for the duty, the value added taxes,

the tariff, and the delivery costs.

31.   The system of claim 30, wherein said electronic commerce

program further comprises:

        means for returning, through the network, total landed cost of

4   the item.

1   32.   The system of claim 30, wherein said electronic commerce

program further comprises:

3   means for displaying, through the network, the total landed

4   cost of the item.

37   33.   The system for of claim 27, wherein country trade

variables comprise a tariff, a value added tax, a delivery cost,

trading partner agreements, and a duty.